Freedom of Information Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regs. 2004

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Request:

Could you please provide the annual figures for the last 10 years of children under 16 who have been known to Medway Council Social Services and suspected or confirmed to have been victims of sexual abuse by individuals or "grooming gangs"?

Response:

Dear Customer

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Financial Year	Number of contacts with Sexual abuse (any neglect SA category as secondary need (count is number of contacts, not individual children)
2024-25 (ytd)	486
2023-24	495
2022-23	491
2021-22	504
2020-21	484
2019-20	563
2018-19	438
2017-18	418
2016-17	424
2015-16	453

I trust this information is to your satisfaction, however, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Information Governance Manager, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR., or email freedom@medway.gov.uk.

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Kind regards

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